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# AMENDMENT TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached 15 Replacement Sheets of drawings includes changes to Figures 1-12b to overcome the issues raised in the Notice of Allowability mailed September 30, 2009, relating to the drawings. No new matter has been added.

Attachment: 15 Replacement Sheets of drawings

#### REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests continued examination for the above-captioned patent application by amending the above-captioned application, as set forth above, and requests that the Examiner reconsider this application in view of the following remarks.

Claims 1-5, 7, 8, 11-15, 17 and 18 have been allowed, and claims 6, 9, 10, 16, 19 and 20 have been previously canceled. By this Amendment, claims 1-5 and 11 have been amended, and new claims 21-58 have been added. No new claims have been canceled. Thus, claims 1-5, 7, 8, 11-15, 17, 18 and 21-58 are pending.

### The Amendments To The Drawings

Applicant has submitted herewith 15 Replacement Sheets of drawings that include changes to Figures 1-12b to overcome the issues raised in the Notice of Allowability mailed September 30, 2009, relating to the drawings. No new matter has been added.

## The Amendment To The Claims

Applicant has amended claims 1-5 and 11 to improve their respective forms in accordance with U.S. patent law. Applicant respectfully submits that because the amendments to claims 1-5 and 11 are not in response to prior art, are directed to formal matters, and, in fact, broaden the scope of the claims, it is respectfully asserted that no prosecution-history estoppel results from the amendment.

### The Newly Added Claims

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter new claims 21-58. Support for new claims 21-58 can be found in the specification and, for example, in originally filed claims 1-20.

### CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is urged that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner find that a telephonic or personal interview would expedite passage to issue of the present application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

It is requested that this application be passed to issue with claims 1-5, 7, 8, 11-15, 17, 18 and 21-58.

Respectfully submitted,

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